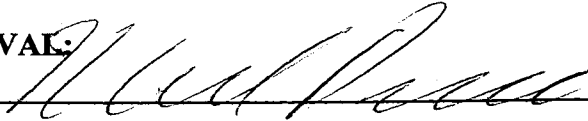


REPORT

DATE: July 12, 2007
TO: Administration Committee and Regional Council
FROM: Philip Law, Corridors Program Manager, 213-236-1841, law@scag.ca.gov
SUBJECT: I-710 EIR/EIS Funding Agreement

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Executive Director to execute the I-710 EIR/EIS Funding Agreement by August 2007.

BACKGROUND:

On September 14, 2006, the Regional Council approved the I-710 EIR/EIS MOU to help fund and prepare the I-710 EIR/EIS together with MTA, Caltrans, and Gateway Cities COG. Last month, the Regional Council directed staff to develop a Funding Agreement that would commit SCAG to \$3 million.

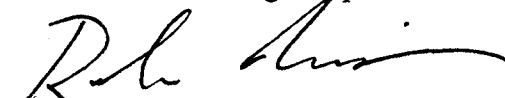
The Funding Agreement will identify the specific funding amounts, terms, and mechanisms for this project. SCAG's planning funds come from federal sources and consequently there are limitations on the nature of work that can be supported by these funds. The Funding Agreement will specify the tasks within the scope of work that are eligible for reimbursement by SCAG. SCAG staff are working closely with Caltrans to ensure that the terms of the Funding Agreement are consistent with federal and state restrictions.

The Funding Agreement should be finalized within the next month. However, the Regional Council will not be meeting in August. In order to ensure that the I-710 EIR/EIS work can begin as scheduled, and that SCAG can begin supporting this project in a timely manner, staff recommends that the Executive Committee authorize the Executive Director to execute the Funding Agreement by August 2007.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the Funding Agreement would commit SCAG to \$2 million cash over three years, from FY 2007/2008 through FY 2009/2010. The FY 2007/2008 OWP includes \$300,000 towards this commitment. The Funding Agreement would also commit SCAG to \$1 million in "in-kind" activities that are part of the normal course of SCAG activities during this period.

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Chief Financial Officer